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Crop Weather Milk Production Cattle on Feed

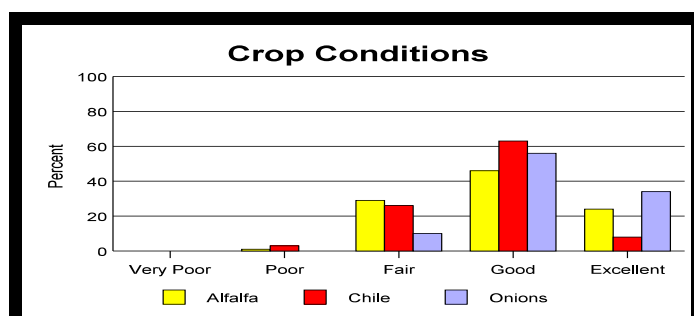
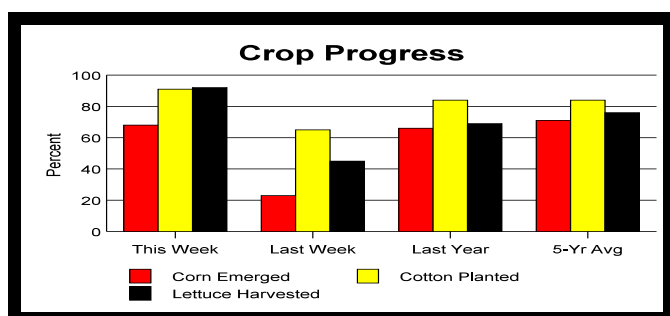
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005

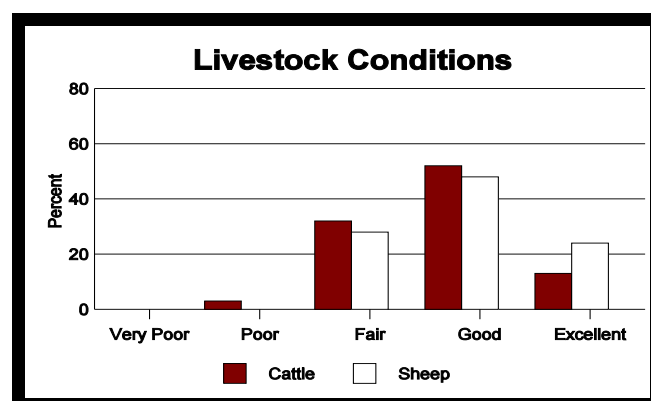
NEW MEXICO: There were 7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 6% very short, 31% short and 63% adequate. Wind damage was 11% light and 9% moderate. Farmers were busy planting cotton and cutting alfalfa. Alfalfa conditions were reported as 1% poor, 29% fair, 46% good and 24% excellent with the first cutting 92% complete. Cotton condition was 11% fair, 45% good and 44% excellent with 91% planted. Corn condition was reported as 7% fair, 71% good and 22% excellent with corn progress at 94% planted and 68% emerged. Total sorghum planted was 12%. Total wheat condition was reported as 18% fair, 79% good and 3% excellent, with 97% being headed. Peanuts were 35% planted. Lettuce condition was 26% fair, 26% good and 48% excellent with 92% harvested. Chile condition was 3% poor, 26% fair, 63% good and 8% excellent. Onion condition was 10% fair, 56% good and 34% excellent. Pecan condition was 5% fair, 58% good and 37% excellent. Pecan nut set was reported to have a 9% light nut set, a 49% average nut set and a 42% heavy nut set. Cattle conditions were 3% poor, 32% fair, 52% good, and 13% excellent. Sheep were reported as 28% fair, 48% good and 24% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were 9% poor, 32% fair, 57% good and 2% excellent. Ranchers were busy branding.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Emerged	68	23	66	71
COTTON	Planted	91	65	84	84
LETTUCE	Harvested	92	45	69	76
ONIONS	Harvested	N/A	N/A	14	9
PEANUTS	Planted	35	15	41	37
SORGHUM (ALL)	Planted	12	3	14	12
WHEAT (ALL)	Headed	97	84	88	92

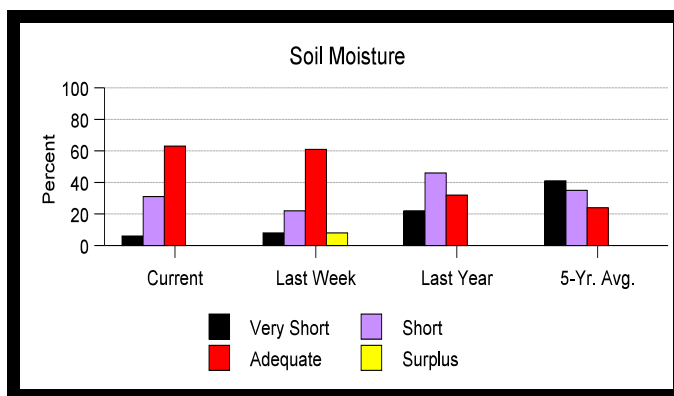

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	1	29	46	24
Apples	--	--	58	42	--
Chile	--	3	26	63	8
Corn	--	--	7	71	22
Cotton	--	--	11	45	44
Onions	--	--	10	56	34
Wheat (All)	--	--	18	79	3
Cattle	--	3	32	52	13
Sheep	--	--	28	48	24
Range/Pasture	--	9	32	57	2



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	--	12	88	--
Northeast	5	15	80	--
Southwest	8	65	27	--
Southeast	6	19	74	1
State Current	6	31	63	--
State-Last Week	9	22	61	8
State-Last Year	22	46	32	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	41	35	24	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures warmed quickly to near record levels during the second half of the week as a dry and stationary high pressure system built over the state. The rapid warm up pushed weekly average readings to 8 to 11 degrees above normal across the northern areas which spurred a rapid increase in northern snow melt and runoff. Southern areas saw daily readings climb into the 100 to 105 degree range as the week ended. Precipitation was spotty with only a few showers in the west central areas and isolated strong thunderstorms in the far northeast.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - May 16-22, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	05/16 05/22	05/01 05/22	Normal May	01/01 05/22	Normal Jan-May
Farmington	68.4	96	42	0.00	0.42	0.67	4.53	3.15
Gallup	61.9	92	36	0.00	0.05	0.51	6.30	3.74
Capulin	60.5	81	39	0.00	1.08	2.30	6.93	5.16
Chama	59.3	85	32	0.00	1.91	1.11	14.18	7.72
Johnson Ranch	61.9	93	34	0.00	0.21	0.62	5.30	3.09
Las Vegas	62.9	89	37	0.01	0.56	1.82	5.32	4.36
Los Alamos	64.3	87	40	0.03	0.44	1.17	8.54	5.05
Raton	63.0	85	41	0.00	0.54	2.27	7.33	5.17
Red River	53.2	79	30	0.00	1.07	1.77	11.17	7.52
Santa Fe	66.1	91	38	0.00	0.41	1.22	6.95	4.09
Clayton	69.1	94	51	0.01	1.17	1.99	6.53	4.03
Clovis	72.1	96	50	0.00	0.72	1.87	5.32	4.17
Roy	64.7	89	43	0.00	0.87	1.84	6.01	3.98
Tucumcari	72.1	97	51	0.01	0.63	1.49	6.55	3.49
Grants	63.2	92	37	0.00	0.30	0.53	4.42	2.48
Quemado	60.6	91	33	0.00	0.17	0.50	3.76	3.45
Silver City	68.5	95	36	0.00	0.00	0.30	8.06	4.20
Albuquerque	73.1	96	51	0.00	0.31	0.50	5.76	2.46
Carrizozo	68.9	98	41	0.00	0.49	0.62	6.64	2.72
Socorro	68.9	98	46	0.01	0.29	0.52	4.06	1.93
Gran Quivera	68.2	94	39	0.14	0.30	0.82	6.12	3.70
Moriarty	63.2	94	35	0.10	0.43	0.97	6.33	3.07
Ruidoso	62.3	88	36	0.05	0.48	0.87	8.32	5.11
Carlsbad	76.7	102	54	0.00	0.77	1.16	4.24	2.65
Roswell	72.4	97	52	0.00	0.42	1.24	3.43	3.23
Tatum	71.3	99	48	0.09	0.66	2.09	3.38	4.14
Alamogordo	80.0	102	63	0.00	0.02	0.45	5.84	2.38
Animas	76.8	102	52	0.00	0.00	0.18	4.75	2.04
Deming	75.3	105	50	0.00	0.00	0.19	3.78	1.73
Las Cruces	75.4	104	51	0.03	0.03	0.29	3.86	1.55
T or C	76.7	101	48	0.00	0.00	0.49	3.14	1.89

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in the state during April totaled 575 million pounds compared to 576 million pounds the previous month. Milk production per cow was 1,780 pounds. Total milk cows in the state was 323,000 head compared to 322,000 head the previous month. New Mexico maintains a 7th ranking in milk production among the 23 reporting states.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from April 2004. March revised production, at 13.8 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from March 2004. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 20 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.11 million head, 44,000 head more than April 2004, and 12,000 head more than March 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: March 2005 ^{1/} and April 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	4/04	3/05	4/05	4/04	3/05	4/05	4/04	3/05	4/05
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	155	164	164	2,090	2,060	2,050	324	338	336
CA	1,716	1,748	1,751	1,790	1,845	1,820	3,072	3,225	3,187
CO	101	102	103	1,800	1,925	1,880	182	196	194
FL	138	139	138	1,515	1,640	1,600	209	228	221
ID	414	441	443	1,770	1,880	1,850	733	829	820
IL	108	105	105	1,580	1,670	1,605	171	175	169
IN	149	154	155	1,750	1,700	1,690	261	262	262
IA	195	187	187	1,700	1,770	1,740	332	331	325
KS	113	110	111	1,675	1,790	1,755	189	197	195
KY	109	107	107	1,155	1,160	1,150	126	124	123
MI	301	308	309	1,745	1,820	1,800	525	561	556
MN	465	455	455	1,480	1,545	1,520	688	703	692
MO	124	119	119	1,370	1,370	1,350	170	163	161
NM	327	322	323	1,730	1,790	1,780	566	576	575
NY	658	648	646	1,500	1,570	1,545	987	1,017	998
OH	261	268	269	1,500	1,520	1,500	392	407	404
OR	120	121	121	1,590	1,560	1,540	191	189	186
PA	561	560	563	1,550	1,600	1,590	870	896	895
TX	317	318	319	1,705	1,795	1,780	540	571	568
VT	145	143	143	1,485	1,595	1,580	215	228	226
VA	105	105	105	1,450	1,495	1,485	152	157	156
WA	239	238	238	1,905	2,030	1,975	455	483	470
WI	1,242	1,233	1,233	1,485	1,560	1,535	1,844	1,923	1,893
23 STS	8,063	8,095	8,107	1,636	1,702	1,679	13,194	13,779	13,612

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 114,000 head on May 1st, 2005, up slightly from the previous month. Placements rose during the month of April, from 13,000 to 19,000 head. Marketings declined to 16,000 head. Other disappearance remained at 2,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.57million. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 9 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 7 percent below 2004 but 43 percent above 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	5/1/04	4/1/05	5/1/05	-----DURING-----								
				4/04	3/05	4/05	4/04	3/05	4/05	4/04	3/05	4/05
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	295	323	328	31	27	31	27	24	24	2	2	2
CA	500	500	500	75	65	64	67	70	59	3	10	5
CO	940	1,020	970	150	*165	120	170	*175	150	10	10	20
ID	250	240	240	45	44	39	47	53	37	3	1	2
IA	415	455	455	57	55	55	53	64	43	4	1	2
KS	2,240	2,340	2,260	355	445	375	440	460	425	35	15	30
NE	2,100	2,260	2,910	320	300	320	420	350	380	10	10	10
NM	105	113	114	14	13	19	11	23	16	3	2	2
OK	310	325	305	51	61	52	68	73	70	3	3	2
SD	200	205	200	26	31	27	28	34	31	3	2	1
TX	2,560	2,620	2,630	415	480	500	480	540	480	15	10	10
WA	175	159	147	26	22	19	35	47	30	1	1	1
Oth Sts	285	310	300	35	42	39	45	50	46	5	2	3
US	10,375	10,870	10,639	1,600	*1,750	1,660	1,891	*1,963	1,801	97	69	90

* - Revised. ^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.